

**COMMANDERS' CALL  
MINUTES  
7 MARCH 2001**

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hrs. by COL Payne.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a prayer was read from the CAP Book of Prayer.

Attendance:

WG COMMANDER  
VICE COMMANDER  
CHIEF OF STAFF  
CC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
AF/CAP CTWG LNCO  
MA/RI/ CT LO  
CT/IMA  
USAFR COORDINATOR  
CTWG AFEPL  
103<sup>RD</sup> COMP. SQ. - 06004  
SILVER CITY COMP. SQ. - 06014  
STRATFORD EAGLES COMP. SQ. - 06022

169<sup>TH</sup> COMP. SQ. - 06027  
399<sup>TH</sup> COMP. SQ. - 06042  
C.K. HAMILTON COMP. SQ. - 06058  
NORTHWEST HILLS COMP. SQ. - 06062  
ROYAL CDT. COMP. SQ. - 06071  
CT MINUTEMEN COMP. SQ. - 06073  
DANIELSON COMP. SQ. 06074  
THAMES RIVER COMP. SQ. - 06075  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMUNICATIONS /RAPID RESPONSE ASSISTANT  
COUNTERDRUG ASSISTANT  
DIR. OF INFORM. MGMT/COMM/OPS ASSISTANT  
INFORMATION MGMT OFFICER  
EMERGENCY SERVICES ASSISTANT/DDR  
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICES  
OPERATIONS TRAINING OFFICER  
GROUND OPERATIONS COORDINATOR  
STAN/EVAL OFFICER/SAFETY ASSISTANT  
PLANS & PROGRAMS/SENIOR PROGRAMS  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER  
DIRECTOR OF SAFETY

COL PAYNE  
MAJ OSBORN (EX)  
LTC LEVITT  
MS. LEONE  
MSGT LARA, SR  
LTC ISABELLE (NP)  
MAJ CASSELLA  
MAJ FURR (NP)  
LTC OLMSTED (NP)  
CAPT BLESSING  
MAJ MIHALAK  
1LT MATOUSEK  
LTC FELIU  
LTC THOMPSON  
MAJ BERMAN (NP)  
MAJ HUCHKO  
MAJ HULL (EX)  
LTC LEVITT  
CAPT DALEY  
MAJ PROVOST  
CAPT CATES (NP)  
CAPT VALLEAU  
MAJ PALMER  
CAPT WRIGHT  
MAJ WROBEL  
CAPT SCHINITIS  
CAPT CARROLL  
MAJ CARROLL  
1LT SHAPIRO  
1LT SLEDGE  
CAPT HOLLIS  
MAJ SCHINDLER  
1LT PIENKOSZ  
LTC ROGERS (EX)

(REP) Representative

(NP) Not Present

(EX) Excused

**06004:**

- We visited Kaman Aircraft and it was an interesting tour.
- The new AE program is excellent - everyone is enthusiastic!
- 18 Mar 01 – Open Cockpit Tour – Bradley Air Museum

**06014:**

- In spite of the weather, the training at Brooksvale Park was very successful, and we had excellent participation.
- 10 Mar 01 – Comm meeting
- 11 Mar 01 – O flights
- 17 Mar 01 – B29 restoration
- 18 Mar 01 – Open Cockpit Tour – Bradley Air Museum
- We hope to attend the SAR training

**06022:**

- We had a very successful Awards Banquet in February.
- We participated in the SAR training 24 Feb. Our ground team learned a lot and all thought it was a good training.
- 11 Mar 01 – participating with 06073 in New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- 29 Mar 01 – Parent's Night
- 31 Mar 01 – participating in Pre Eval.

**06027:**

- We participated in storm Emily 6 Mar 01
- We recruited new senior member who is qualified as a CPR instructor so we hope to hold a CPR class in the future.

**06042:**

- No representation this evening.

**06058:**

- 10 Mar 01 – Comm meeting
- 14 & 28 Mar 01 – Safety Down Day briefing
- 31 Mar 01 – Pre Eval

**06062:**

- No representation this evening.

**06071:**

- We are now located in the Army National Guard Hangar and may be able to use the entire second floor. We have permission to store aircraft in the hangar and may be able to utilize it as a mission base.
- We will be building on our current schedule.
- 9 Mar 01 – CAPT Carroll will be teaching AE and 1LT Sledge will help us out with CPR.
- Please remember us when you are planning your activities – we would welcome the offer to participate.

**06073:**

- 11 Mar 01 – St. Patrick's Day Parade in New Haven
- 18 Mar 01 – Open Cockpit
- 7 Apr 01 – trip to 103<sup>rd</sup> in Orange

**06074:**

- We have our rockets put together but the weather has not cooperated for the launching of the rockets. We hope to accomplish the launching this weekend.
- We participated in the Yeager Course in February.
- 11 Mar 01 – St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- 15 Mar 01 – MAJ Marteka and CAPT Carroll will visit our squadron.
- 24 Mar 01 – EMS Conference – Radisson in Cromwell
- We have two new cadets with a possibility of two more.
- 7 May 01 – Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

**06075:**

- No representation this evening.

**COL PAYNE:**

- There was a key found at the last Commanders’ Call. Please contact Jeanne if it is yours.
- LTC Levitt has taken over as the Interim Squadron Commander of 06071. If any of you can help him out, it would be appreciated. The sharing of activities is an excellent way in which to assist.
- We worked with OEM during this past state-wide storm alert – thank you to all that participated. Special thanks to 1LT Shapiro, MAJ Wrobel and 1LT Sledge for their assistance. We were ready to do video scan, but the weather did not permit. We must keep our training current so we are available when OEM asks for our assistance.
- 10 Mar 01 – 0900-1600 hrs. - Comm Meeting – all squadron Comm officers are requested to attend.
- In your mailboxes you will find Self-Assessment Guides from LTC McDonough. Please fill them out and return to CTWG by the April Commanders’ Call. Please be honest when filling them out.
- MAJ Carroll and I attended the Legislative Day at National Board. We met with our Congressmen/women, and he will brief you on what went on that day.
- Please connect with your local representatives, invite them to your meetings, award ceremonies, etc. to get them involved. Let them know about our program and how we work heavily with the youth in a positive manner.
  - If you have a pilot who is able to take a representative for a flight, this can be arranged.
- Positive issues came out of National Board. You will receive copy of the minutes at a later date.
  - Cadet Orientation Flights - National will now be reimbursing us the full cost per hour for the aircraft instead of the previous rate of \$5.00 front seat, etc. This is also effective for glider flights. If we have to make arrangements to get cadets to glider orientations, we are now able to as long as when we are ferrying the cadets, we are giving them an orientation flight. The price we are going to pay for this however, is that the Form 77 syllabus will change to five orientation flights per cadet from nine.
  - Uniforms –enlisted members can now wear the mess dress uniforms
  - We have some CAP members who are also military. They may now wear the gray epaulets on their blue uniform and they may pin the military rank on and wear their stripes.
  - With the blazer uniform we will no longer wear the black nametag. It will now be gray name tag and gray epaulets. Wing patch that is on sweater, poplin jacket, all weather coat and cardigan sweater are to be removed, effective immediately. They may still be worn on the BDU shirt and jacket.

- White golf shirt will be replaced by dark blue shirts with embroidered insignia by the end of this year (October)\
- Flight suit – there will be cloth ranks – subdued - sewn onto the flight suit.
- Awards Committee for the Wing Conference will be meeting this evening. Thank you to everyone who sent in nominations.
- The month of February was a difficult one for CAP. The NHWG LO's son passed away just before his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, former NHWG Commander, COL Kenneth Jameson, passed away and LTC Barry Wollman of CTWG passed away of an apparent heart attack after immediately following his participation in a fire.
- 14 Mar 01 – 1900 hrs. - Safety Down Day – makeup day is 28 Mar 01. Pilots who do not attend will have to pay for their Form 5 and Form 91.
- CAP has a congressional squadron. I will be sending the representatives we met with an application so they may become members if they wish.
- I would like to thank the Danbury squadron for going out and silencing the ELT yesterday during the storm.

#### **MAJ CARROLL:**

- I attended Legislative Day with COL Payne and it was very interesting. We met with Congressmen Maloney and Simmons and the assistants of the four other congressmen/women. All in all, it was a very productive day and we were well received. Congressman Simmons gave us a presentation rather than us giving him one! He was extremely enthusiastic and supportive of CAP. Hopefully, we will see a positive influence in the area of our appropriations, both on a National and State.
- Last month a notice went out on the FRO course. National will require you to take this so please pay attention. It is not a difficult test – be sure you have CAPR 60-1 with you when you take the test.
- New Incident Command Course – 100 Module – home study course. I would like all the squadron commanders to take this test. When you have completed/passed it, OEM will certify it and issue you a certificate. This will be good for all ground team members

#### **MSGT LARA:**

- CTWG did an outstanding job this past weekend. Keep up the good work! Your presence at OEM is key!
- 12 Mar 01 – visit to 06014
- 17 Mar 01 – CD telecast
- 7 Apr 01 – Color Guard
- Contact your representatives – send them copies of your newsletters and keep them informed of your activities.
- Eval – try and get as many people as you can.
- To those squadrons who have not sent patches to me, if you can get them to me ASAP, please do so.
- I have been very pleased with the Commanders' Calls. This is your chance to voice your opinions, requests, etc.
- Continue to work on your Alert Rosters.
- TRAIN, TRAIN, TRAIN!!! Use the monies that are available.
- BE SAFE IN AIR AND ON THE GROUND!

#### **MAJ CASSELLA:**

- Your support of OEM was very well coordinated. Keep up the good work! Always be ready!
- Eval - there are a few changes.

- Starting time - 1900 hrs . However, I will be available all day. The Air Force hopes to be in place at 1500 hrs. If any member of the IC staff would like to get going before 1900 hrs, we can do that.
- Originally the Friday and Saturday scenarios were going to be very separate. That has changed. If Friday's scenario runs late, it could be brought in again on Saturday morning.
- The weights and balances problem will be released the week before the Eval.
- The sooner you submit to me the players for IC staff, the quicker I can get it to the Air Force.
- The Air Force prefers your Trusted Agent is not a member of the IC staff.
- I will be at the 14 Mar 01 Safety Down Day.
- Any questions, please give me a call.

**CAPT CARROLL:**

- MAJ Marteka has the list of cadets who are attending National activities.
- 7 Apr 01 - We have four teams participating in Color Guard Competition. Please come out and see our competition. If you have cadets interested, it would be beneficial for them to check it out!
- DDR – any questions, give me a call.

**MAJ SCHINDLER:**

- Cadet staff application deadline has been moved to 14 Mar 01 instead of this evening in light of the weather.

**1LT PIENKOSZ:**

- Check out our web page – we now have an Active and Training Mission section – check it out!

**MAJ PROVOST:**

- Safety Briefing –
  - Combat boots are very dangerous on the ice so please, take special care
  - Ensure that your tail lights are clean and able to be seen.

**LTC LEVITT:**

- 23/24 Mar 01 – EMS Conference – cadet participation is needed – Friday during the day and Saturday during the day. If cadets need a participation letter for their school, I have one they may use. This is an excellent opportunity to work with other agencies within the state. If you have anyone who is interested, please contact 1LT Pienkosz and submit the names.
  - If you had the training last year, you must do it again – it has changed slightly but it is not difficult.
  - Cadet Programs benefits from this – they gave a \$200 donation last year directly to Cadet Programs.

**CAPT HOLLIS:**

- Safety Officers' meeting – April and November Commander's Call.

With no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 2133 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

//s// Jeanne Leone

Jeanne Leone  
Commander's Administrative Assistant

Cc: CTWG Staff & Squadrons